

THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD A MEETING ON TUESDAY, APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2008 AT 6:00 P.M., IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING ROOM IN THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

THERE WERE PRESENT: Charles Wagner, Chairman  
Wayne Angell, Vice-Chairman  
Leland Mitchell  
David Hurt  
David Cundiff  
Russ Johnson  
Bobby Thompson

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard E. Huff, II, County Administrator  
Larry Moore, Asst. County Administrator  
Christopher L. Whitlow, Asst. County Administrator  
B. J. Jefferson, County Attorney

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Chairman Wagner called the meeting to order.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**FRANKLIN COUNTY, VIRGINIA**  
**ADOPTION OF PROPOSED 2008-09 BUDGET**

Charles Wagner asked the members for their thoughts concerning the proposed real estate tax rate of 47 cents. Bobby Thompson started by saying the proposed plan at 47 cents was good. Russ Johnson responded that he really would like to find cuts if possible due to the slow economy. Wayne Angell agreed with both responses. David Cundiff also said he would like to reduce the rate by 1 or 2 cents if possible. David Hurt said he thought the budget is responsible with the 47 cents tax rate and did not see any other possible scenario to support. Leland Mitchell commended the staff for all the work put into preparing the budget proposed at the 47 cents tax rate but would still like to try and reduce it by at least 1 cent and possibly more. Charles Wagner added that he wanted to make cuts and not delays to see the tax rate reduced by 1 cent but does not want to come back next year and raise the rate again.

Russ Johnson offered that reducing the budget would at least reflect to the citizens that we are trying to make cutbacks. Wayne Angell added that revenue will probably be flat next year and we need to be careful. He suggested we consider delaying the pay plan implementation by 3 months, recognize increased lands use revenue, cut \$100,000 from Board contingency, recognize \$100,000 savings from Health Insurance bids, and reduce School Board appropriation by \$237,000. David Cundiff asked if the rock project at Pigg River can wait or possibly not do at all? And, he also questioned the Regional Jail by asking if we need video conferencing, and can the funds come from asset forfeiture? Rick Huff said the fund could not come from asset forfeiture according to information provided by the Sheriff's Office. Leland Mitchell pointed out that we should consider that where we stop this year, we will start with next year. Russ revisited possible cuts and suggested no delays of the County Pay Plan, and reducing the School Board's budget by \$387,000. Wayne stated this would have a large impact on the School Board and their Pay Plan and suggested only reducing the tax rate to 46.5 cents and not taking anything from the School Board. Leland Mitchell pointed out that the citizens are tightening funds and looking for them (the County) to do the same.

Russ Johnson made a motion on a 46 cent tax rate: School Board cut \$387,000, Land use revenue increase \$130,000, Health Insurance cut \$100,000 and Board Contingency cut \$100,000.

Seconded by: David Cundiff

Dr. Lackey then asked if he could address the Board because this plan was never discussed with them. Charles Wagner informed Dr. Lackey this was not a public hearing and he could not speak at this time.

Russ Johnson thought everyone including the School Board should absorb the cutback. David Hurt said he could not support the motion from Russ Johnson because the Board has not had time to identify the impact these changes would make.

**2008-2009 TAX LEVY**

**(RESOLUTION #19-04-2008)**

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to approve the amended motion of a 46.5 cent tax rate and leave School Board funds as they are in the proposed budget, Land use revenue increase of \$130,000, Health Insurance cut of \$100,000 and Board Contingency cut of \$100,000

MOTION BY: Wayne Angell  
 SECONDED BY: Bobby Thompson  
 VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:  
 AYES: Hurt, Angell and Thompson  
 NAYS: Mitchell, Cundiff, Wagner and Johnson

THE MOTION FAILS WITH A 3-4 VOTE.

**(RESOLUTION #20-04-2008)**

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to approve the original motion of a 46 cents tax rate with cuts to the School Board of \$387,000, Land use revenue increase of \$130,000, Health Insurance cut of \$100,000 and Board Contingency cut of \$100,000.

MOTION BY: Russ Johnson  
 SECONDED BY: David Cundiff  
 VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:  
 AYES: Mitchell, Cundiff, Johnson and Wagner  
 NAYS: Hurt, Thompson and Angell

THE MOTION PASSED WITH A 4-3 VOTE.

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**2008-2009 COUNTY BUDGET ADOPTION****(RESOLUTION #21-04-2008)**

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to approve the 2008-2009 County proposed budget of \$165,499,552.

MOTION BY: Charles Wagner  
 SECONDED BY: Russ Johnson  
 VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:  
 AYES: Mitchell, Cundiff, Johnson, Wagner, Hurt, Thompson and Angell

THE MOTION PASSED WITH A 7-0 VOTE.

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**AEP PUBLIC HEARINGS/EASEMENTS**

Rick Huff presented a request by Mike Thurman requesting to advertise for bids to replace the gas pump monitoring system.

The Board all agreed to keep moving forward and obtain bids.

Rick Huff then asked the Board about the AEP Utility Easement and request for Public Hearing. Russ Johnson requested that AEP hold a meeting for the citizens to better understand what's being asked of them before the May 27, 2008 Public Hearing.

**RESOLUTION #22-04-2008)**

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to approve the advertising of AEP Utility Easements at the May 2008 meeting.

MOTION BY: Russ Johnson  
 SECONDED BY: Wayne Angell  
 VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:  
 AYES: Mitchell, Cundiff, Johnson, Wagner, Hurt, Thompson and Angell

THE MOTION PASSED WITH A 7-0 VOTE.

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Neil Holthouser addressed the Board regarding the Zoning ordinance RFP Worksession. Neil is seeking direction from the Board. If the County went to district specific code this could make the code a lot larger. Wayne Angell questioned the amount already in the budget. Rick Huff said there is \$100,000 in the current budget and there will be \$25,000 additional in next year's budget for consultant assistance with zoning ordinance rewrites. Wayne Angell stated the Board needed to know exactly what we want before we hire someone. David Hurt asked if this would change the Comprehensive Plan. Neil responded by saying, it will take at least 18 to 24 months to complete the new code and by then the Comprehensive Plan will be needing some changes as well. Rick asked the Board if staff could brainstorm some options and bring this back at a later date to the Board. The Board all agreed.

Russ Johnson asked the Board to consider reappointing Tim Baker to the Recreation Commission.

**GILLS CREEK DISTRICT/RECREATION COMMISSION APPOINTMENT**  
**(RESOLUTION #23-04-2008)**

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to reappoint Tim Baker to the Recreation Commission with said term to expired 6/20/2011.

MOTION BY: Russ Johnson

SECONDED BY: Charles Wagner

VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Mitchell, Cundiff, Johnson, Wagner, Hurt, Thompson and Angell

THE MOTION PASSED WITH A 7-0 VOTE.

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Chairman Wagner adjourned the meeting.

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CHARLES D. WAGNER  
CHAIRMAN

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RICHARD E. HUFF, II  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR